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1. AT PROLONGED JUNE 4 INFORMAL MEETING ON GLOBAL INITIATIVE, ALLIED AND SOVIET DELS AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON REMAINING PARAGRAPHS OF TEXT ON WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS (FULL TEXT ON WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS FORWARDED SEPTEL). THE ISSUES WHICH WERE RESOLVED, NAMELY ACCESS TO SOURCES, IMPORTATION OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND STATUS OF TECHNICAL STAFF, WERE AGREED AS A "PACKAGE".

2. AS ANTICIPATED, THE SOVIETS WERE ADAMANT THAT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL SOURCES COULD NOT BE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE SEVENTH PARA OF THE JOURNALISTS TEXT (SUBPARA (89) REFTEL A). A COMPROMISE WAS STRUCK WHICH RETAINS THE WORD "PERSONALLY" BUT DROPS THE WORD "INDIVIDUALS" IN A WAY WHICH DOES NOT IMPLY THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE EXCLUDED. THE AGREED TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

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-. INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES TO COMMUNICATE PERSONALLY WITH THEIR SOURCES, INCLUDING ORGANISATIONS AND OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS; END TEXT.

3. SOVIETS DROPPED THEIR OPPOSITION TO ENUMERATION OF TYPES OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE EIGHTH PARA OF JOURNALISTS TEXT (PARA 3, REFTEL B) AND AGREED TO TEXT CONTAINED IN WESTERN GLOBAL PROPOSAL (SUBPARA (90), REFTEL A) WITH "WITHOUT RESTRICTION" DELETED AND "ONLY" ADDED. AGREED TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS:

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- GRANT TO JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES THE RIGHT TO IMPORT, SUBJECT ONLY TO ITS BEING TAKEN OUT AGAIN, THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT (PHOTOGRAPHIC, CINEMATOGRAPHIC, TAPE RECORDER, RADIO AND TELEVISION) NECESSARY FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE PROFESSION. END TEXT.

4. MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE TO RESOLVE WAS THAT OF TECHNICAL STAFF. COMPROMISE WORKED OUT WAS IN FORM OF A FOOTNOTE APPENDED TO THE EIGHTH PARA OF JOURNALISTS TEXT WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT TECHNICAL STAFF WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM PARAS NINE (TRANSMISSION OF WORK PRODUCT) AND TEN (EXPULSION). HOWEVER, SOVIETS EXPLAINED THAT THE WORK PRODUCT OF A CAMERAMAN, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BENEFIT FROM PARA NINE WHEN TRANSMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE JOURNALIST WITH WHOM HE IS WORKING. PRESUMABLY, PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNALISTS WORKING ON THEIR OWN RATHER THAN AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE JOURNALISTS TEXT AS A WHOLE.

5. TEXT OF FOOTNOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT APPROPRIATE LOCAL PERSONNEL ARE EMPLOYED BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN MANY INSTANCES, THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTE THAT THE ABOVE PROVISIONS WOULD BE APPLIED, SUBJECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE APPROPRIATE RULES, TO PERSONS FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES WHO ARE REGULARLY AND PROFESSIONALLY ENGAGED AS TECHNICIANS, PHOTOGRAPHERS OR CAMERAMEN OF THE PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION OR CINEMA. END TEXT.

PHRASE AT BEGINNING OF PARA "WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT APPROPRIATE LOCAL PERSONNEL ARE EMPLOYED BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN MANY INSTANCES" WAS A COMPROMISE TO AVOID SOVIET FORMULATION. "IN CASE OF DIFFICULTIES WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OF APPROPRIATE LOCAL PERSONNEL" WHICH WOULD HAVE IMPLIED THAT FOREIGN TECHNICAL STAFF COULD BE USED ONLY IF SOVIET CITIZENS WERE UNAVAILABLE. SOVIET DESIRE TO AVOID COMPLETE AUTOMATICITY WAS MET BY USE OF "WOULD" INSTEAD OF "WILL", AND BY INSERTION OF PHRASE "SUBJECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE APPROPRIATE RULES". WE CONSIDER THIS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT.

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MENT OVER THE SOVIET SUGGESTION THAT "THE ABOVE PROVISIONS MAY BE APPLIED BY ARRANGEMENT", WHICH WOULD HAVE GREATLY VITIATED THE PROVISION.

6. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL INITIATIVE IS SET FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 5.DALE

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